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FROM US DEL ECLA POP CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: ECLA MEETING ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE

1. CONFERENCE FORMALLY INAUGURATED ON APRIL 15 BY PRESIDENT FIGUERES WITH SPEECHES BY CONFERENCE SECY G. CARRILLO FLORES, COSTA RICAN HEALTH MINISTER ORLICH AND MEXICAN MINGOVT MOYA ON BEHALF OF ALL DELS. SINCE NATIONAL THEATER UNDER REPAIR, INAUGURAL SESSION HELD IN LOCAL MOVIE PALACE WHOSE MARQUEE WAS EMBLAZONED WITH TITLE OF CURRENT (WOODY) ALLEN HIT: QTE ALL YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK UNQTE.

BY PREARRANGEMENT AT PREVIOUS HEADS OF DEL MEETING, FOLLOWING OFFICERS ELECTED:

CHAIRMAN: COSTA RICAN HEALTH MINISTER DR. JOSE LUIS ORLICH.

VICE CHAIRMEN: ARGENTINE MINISTER OF INTERIOR LLAMBI; ALLEYNE FROM BARBADOS.

RAPPOREUR: COLOMBIAN CHIEF OF PLANNING DEPT. ROSAS.

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3. GENERAL DEBATE INITIATED AFTERNOON MONDAY, CONTINUING

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WITH LAST 2 1/2 DAYS TO BE DEVOTED TO DRAFT WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION. HIGHLIGHTS OF DEBATE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

4. U.S. STATEMENT DELIVERED AT MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION PARTICULARLY WELL RECEIVED, WITH PRAISE FROM CARRILLO FLORES, ECLA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IGLESIAS, UN POPULATION CHIEF TABAH, MEXICAN MINGOVT MOYA, BRAZIL DEL ALMEIDA AND OTHERS

5. NINE DELS HEADED BY CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS AND OTHER DELS BY PLANNING AND HEALTH OFFICIALS, WITH NINE-MAN MEXICAN DEL THE LARGEST.

6. ATMOSPHERE FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE WITH GENERAL DESIRE AVOID CONFRONTATIONS WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS. ONE SLIGHTLY DISCORDANT NOTE STRUCK BY ARGENTINE MINISTER LLAMBI WHEN HE PROPOSED THAT FAMILY PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS IN DRAFT PLAN BE ELIMINATED AND REPLACED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AID.

CUBAN REP. MELENDEZ BACH, VICE CHAIRMAN NATIONAL ECONOMIC SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE, CHARGED "IMPERIALIST POWERS" WITH FORCING POPULATION CONTROL ON LDCS FOR NEFARIOUS ENDS AND ACCUSED "COLONIAL POWER" OF DRASTIC MEASURES TO REDUCE POPULATION OF PUERTO RICO RESULTING IN STERILIZATION OF 33 PERCENT OF ALL WOMEN.

7. FINAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE WILL CONSIST, AS PLANNED BY IGLESIAS, OF TWO PARTS: (1) SUMMARY OF GENERAL DEBATE AND (2) COMMENTS, APPROVED BY CONSENSUS IF POSSIBLE, RE DRAFT WORLD PLAN.
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